

MELES'S REGIME U-TURN KILLS SIDAMAS DREAM: - his Cadres Decided Against Sidamas Constitutional Rights while the killing Continues

Our Reporter from Awassa, 9th of April 2006

I. Quest for Regional Autonomy Erased Off!

Denying the very Constitutional rights of 5million populated Sidama nation on their quest for regional autonomy for which hundreds lost and continuing to loose their precious lives and millions are harassed and extra-judicially arrested; Meles's regime cadres decided against Sidamas quest for regional autonomy today (April 9, 2006); unconstitutionally imposing unjustifiable decision that's taken off their identity and entirety to tame them for eternal subjugation.

To curtail Sidamas quest for regional autonomy, Meles's regime kept itself busy devising various strategies on how to suppress and intimidate Sidamas to make them abandon their quest for the past three years using its cadres. The regime, however, was receiving emphatic resistances that fuelled unstoppable anti-government's anti-Sidama policies throughout the region, claiming innocents Sidama people's lives since May 24, 2002's massacre of 69 Sidama demonstrators who were rejecting their unconstitutional decisions.

Bribing hundreds and thousands of Sidamas since the begging of 2006; Meles used pro-his authoritarian regime Sidamas, such as Woldeamanule Dubale Hankerso (former SLM chair-man, a British citizen who was called back to Ethiopia from Britain by Meles's regime to help them silence Sidamas in pre-May 2005's election), Shiferaw Shuguxee (South Ethiopia regional state president who ordered and ordering the killings of innocent and helpless Sidamas), Galalcha Janje (Sidama Zone police and security head, who is key player in ordering the killings and arrest of innocents), Akie Hidana (Sidama Zone President, who is playing similar role), Tufa Doyichaa (former Sidama Zone president who was sacked from his position for this purpose about 11 years ago and who made U-turn since the past 7months) and some other Sidama cadres have collected signatures from purposely organised and selectively bribed groups of Sidamas from each district on April 8 and 9 2006.

Disregarding basic and constitutional rights of 5million Sidamas, about 1000 brain-washed and bribed with multi-million fund, the cadres and traditionally unacceptable groups of Sidamas who stood against their values; so-called all districts council representatives who were given plots of lands in Awassa by the cadres were called for meetings to confirm their signatures that enables the regime to reverse Sidamas quest, on 8th of April 2006. Subsequently, they called the rest 300 members of Awassa city and Awassa district council, and community representatives those who they think are potentially dangerous and can raise the issues about the basic rights of the Sidamas for today's April 9th's meetings. Most of the 2nd day (April 9th) meeting participant Sidamas were somehow more conscious than other 1000 participants those who neither raised the issues nor knew its politico-economic and socio-cultural implications on Sidamas. Therefore, some of the participants boycotted the meeting while handful of them

abstained on today's 300 Sidamas meeting that buried for once and for their entire quests for regional autonomy.

II. Death in Leku town of Sidama region

Gelaa Gambaro, a high school student has been shot dead with pistol by racially motivated intent of Guragie national, related with regional quest of the Sidama people. The killer lived in Sidama region most of his lives. Mr Fanose Delelegn shot the student to death on 6th of April 2006 at Leku town of the Sidama region, about 30-35km from Awassa city with premeditated and appropriately excused intent 17 years student day light in Leku high school in front director's office while he was returning from the office to his class room in allegation of Sidama students protest against government's decision on regional quest issues that may compromise socio-economic upper handedness of the Guragie's in the town and entire region. Since regional movement started, some of other peoples who co-existed peacefully with the Sidama nation for century were said to have been supporting tyrant regime. The killer, Mr Delelegn said to have been taken to Awassa by the security forces while angry Sidamas set fire on the property of the killer. The town remains under curfew being surrounded by three battalions of federal army.

Meanwhile, sadly wider Sidamas are mourning for their loss, in particular by the premeditated plan of its own children who are supposed to protect its basic rights. The reporter doesn't know what the reaction for such immeasurable injustices against the Sidamas receives would be. At the same time the Sidamas are calling for international community's intervention to keep their basic rights respected.

III. Mr Hankerso planed to Robb Sidamas' money,

As we have uncovered on this media that Mr Woldeamanuel Hankerso is assigned by the regime to recruit Sidamas and share them plots of lands in their own ancestral land and city, Awassa to collect signatures to make Sidamas abandon their regional quest. Using this opportunity for his own advantage, he established some housing association for 3000 Sidamas who agree to sign against the regional quest. By doing so, he requested most of the people to collect money, 6000ETB each for initial budget to start houses.

Mr Hankerso opened Bank Account by his name to keep entire money by his name under the pretext of keeping the money for the association. However, without speaking a word, he was found preparing to leave the country on 5th of April 2006. This information leaked to the beneficiaries and some of the people were determined not to let this person escape taking their money; about 1.200.000 ETB and notified their concern to the police. The police urgently took him back from the Capital Addis Ababa back to Sidama, while he was preparing to leave on the 6th of April where he was obliged to change the name of the account to association. Nevertheless, due to his part to intimidate Sidamas and help the regime to make the Sidamas abandon their quest for regional autonomy he wasn't arrested. The reporter thinks that he was planning to leave for the UK to collect his pension and go back to resume his acts of terrorising innocent and helpless Sidamas.

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